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DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION - NEW YORK, JULY 13-16

1. The Ambassador will be attending the Democratic Convention in New York. For each Convention, an overall draft platform statement is prepared which covers in very broad terms the Democratic party aspirations for the Presidential elections. This draft platform statement is then debated during the Convention itself.
2. The international section of the draft Convention statement, in addition to a paragraph on Northern Ireland, also has short paragraphs on Emerging Democracies, South Africa, the Middle East, Human Rights, China and Cyprus. The platform statement states that, "An American foreign policy of engagement for democracy must effectively address" the above subject.

The section on Northern Ireland reads as follows:  
"In light of America's historic ties to the people of Great Britain and Ireland, and consistent with our country's commitment to peace, democracy and human rights around the world, a more active United States role in promoting peace and political dialogue, to bring an end to the violence and achieve a negotiated solution in Northern Ireland.

3. There is nothing exceptional in the text. It calls for a more active US role in promoting peace and political dialogue without specifying how this can be achieved. We understand that the Clinton campaign team wished to include a statement on the situation in Northern Ireland while, at the same time, keeping it as neutral and non-contentious as possible. It is unlikely that there will be a debate on the Convention floor on the Northern Ireland section.

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